

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

NAUTICA CONDOMINIUM OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION, a Washington non-profit  
corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

ASPEN SPECIALTY INSURANCE  
COMPANY, a North Dakota corporation, *et*  
*al.*

Defendants.

Case No. C15-1788RSM

NAUTICA CONDOMINIUM OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION, a Washington non-profit  
corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE CO.,  
*et al.*

Defendants.

Case No C16-1983RSM

1 NAUTICA CONDOMINIUM OWNERS  
2 ASSOCIATION, a Washington non-profit  
corporation,

Plaintiff,

3 v.

4 COMMONWEALTH INSURANCE  
5 COMPANY OF AMERICA., *et al.*

6 Defendants.  
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C17-0082RSM

STIPULATED MOTION AND ORDER  
FOR CONSOLIDATION OF RELATED  
ACTIONS UNDER FRCP 42(a)(2)

8 **I. STIPULATION**

9 Plaintiff Nautica Condominium Owners (“Association”); Hartford Fire Insurance  
10 Company, Great American E & S Insurance Company; Commonwealth Insurance Company of  
11 America; Chubb Custom Insurance Company; and U.S. Fire Insurance Company collectively the  
12 “Defendants”, hereby stipulate as follows:

13 1. The cases *Nautica Condominium Owners Association v. Aspen Specialty Insurance*  
14 *Company et al.*, Western District of Washington Cause No. 2:15-cv-01788-RSM; *Nautica*  
15 *Condominium Owners Association v. U.S. Fire Insurance Company et al.*, Western District of  
16 Washington Cause No. 2:16-cv-01983-JLR; and *Nautica Condominium Owners Association v.*  
17 *Commonwealth Insurance Company of America et al.*, Western District of Washington Cause  
18 2:17-cv-00082-TSZ, involve claims for insurance coverage for alleged damage to the Nautica  
19 Condominium building.

20 2. The cases share common issues of fact and law as to liability and damages. The cases  
21 also involve many of the same lay and expert witnesses, Association records, and other  
22 documentary evidence.

23 3. Consolidating the cases for trial under Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a)(2) will promote efficiency  
24 and conserve judicial resources. It will also conserve the parties’ resources, as it will avoid  
25 duplicative discovery.  
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1 4. Pursuant to LCR 42(a) The Association and all Defendants stipulate that the later filed  
2 lawsuits cause No. 2:16-cv-01983-JLR; and 2:17-cv-00082-TSZ shall be consolidated into the  
3 current case: *Nautica Condominium Owners Association v. Aspen Specialty Insurance Company*  
4 *et al.*, Western District of Washington Cause No. 2:15-cv-01788-RSM

5 5. The Association and all Defendants agree that the caption for the current case: *Nautica*  
6 *Condominium Owners Association v. Aspen Specialty Insurance Company et al.*, Western  
7 District of Washington Cause No. 2:15-cv-01788-RSM BJR shall be amended to add all  
8 Defendants.

9 6. *Nautica Condominium Owners Association v. Aspen Specialty Insurance Company et al.*,  
10 Western District of Washington Cause No. 2:15-cv-01788-RSM, is currently set for a jury trial  
11 on September 11, 2017. Case schedules for cause No. 2:16-cv-01983-JLR; and 2:17-cv-00082-  
12 TSZ have not been set.

13 7. The parties agree that trial shall take place on March 27, 2018 or as soon thereafter as  
14 permitted by the Court's schedule. The parties agree and request that the case schedule for 2:15-  
15 cv-01788-RSM shall govern this lawsuit, and that this case schedule and its deadlines be  
16 extended in a way consistent with a March 27, 2018 trial date or a date soon thereafter.

17 8. The Association and all Defendants who have appeared in the three lawsuits have met and  
18 conferred regarding this Stipulation and Proposed Order, as called for in LCR 42(b).

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**II. ORDER**

Based on the foregoing Stipulation, it is hereby ORDERED:

1) That *Nautica Condominium Owners Association v. U.S. Fire Insurance Company et al.*, Western District of Washington Cause No. 2:16-cv-01983-RSM; and *Nautica Condominium Owners Association v. Commonwealth Insurance Company of America et al.*, Western District of Washington Cause No. 2:17-cv-00082-RSM shall be consolidated into the current case: *Nautica Condominium Owners Association v. Aspen Specialty Insurance Company et al.*, Western District of Washington Cause No. 2:15-cv-01788-RSM.

2) That the caption for the current case: *Nautica Condominium Owners Association v. Aspen Specialty Insurance Company et al.*, Western District of Washington Cause No. 2:15-cv-01788-RSM be amended to add all Defendants.

3) The parties agree that trial shall take place on March 27, 2018 or as soon thereafter as permitted by the Court's schedule. The case schedule for 2:15-cv-01788-RSM shall govern this lawsuit and be amended to reflect a March 27, 2018, trial date, or a date soon thereafter, with its deadlines therein extended in a way consistent with the new trial date.

4) The Clerk shall post a copy of this order in 2:15-cv-01788-RSM, 2:16-cv-01983-RSM, and 2:17-cv-00082-RSM.

DATED this 8 day of March, 2017.



RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE